

throughout their ordeals even as they've undergone a series of significant medical procedures.

Mr. Speaker, these two men exemplify the honorable character of the men and women who have answered duty's call throughout our Nation's history. Their willingness to serve and sacrifice for our country is a clear demonstration of the courage and professionalism that distinguish our armed forces. This grateful Nation owes these men and their compatriots in arms who serve around the world every day a profound debt of gratitude. I am proud to call Sgt. Bagge and Lt. Bomke fellow Oregonians, I thank them for their service and I wish them both a healthy recovery.

God bless America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 20, I was unavoidably detained at the Base Realignment and Closure Commission's Regional Hearing in St. Louis, Missouri and therefore absent for votes on rollcall nos. 283, 284, 285, 286, and 287. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall nos. 283, 284, 285, 286, and 287.

TRIBUTE TO DONALD "DALE" HINES II

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside, California are exceptional. The City of Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Donald "Dale" Hines is one of these individuals. On June 22, 2005, Dale was the proud recipient of the Congressional Award Gold Medal.

The Congressional Award is the U.S. Congress' award for young Americans that demonstrate a commitment to community service and physical fitness. This non-partisan, voluntary, and noncompetitive program is open to all 14 to 23-year olds. The Congressional Award challenges young adults to meet goals in four program areas: Volunteer Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration. The Congressional Award Gold Medal is the highest honor one can achieve through this program.

To meet this challenge, Dale enrolled himself in an emergency medical technician (EMT) training school and subsequently graduated at the top of his class. In order to meet the physical demands of his work as an EMT, Dale began to regularly go to the gym and lift weights. Additionally, Dale found a way to match his work with his physical activities by serving on a bike-medical team that provides emergency medical care at special events in the community.

As an active participant in the Boy Scouts of America, Dale serves as an Assistant Council Commissioner for the California Inland Empire Council. He is a past recipient of the Venturing Silver Award and an Eagle Scout. Furthermore, Dale is dedicated to sharing his passion for community service with others and became active in the Buckskin Junior Leader Training program. While at Buckskin, he served as a Camp EMT and Associate Course Director for Physical Arrangements.

Dale's sincere commitment to community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of our community and I am proud to call him a fellow community member and a great American. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and I salute him as he receives the Congressional Award Gold Medal.

HONORING THE EXEMPLARY EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT OF CATHERINE E. DIAMOND CREELEY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary educational achievement of Catherine E. Diamond Creeley, a former resident of the Chautauqua County town of Jamestown, upon the occasion of her receiving her Doctoral Degree in Behavioral Neuroscience from the University of Missouri, St. Louis.

Catherine Creeley is both a graduate of Jamestown High School and Jamestown Community College. Upon graduation she proceeded to obtain her Bachelor's degree in psychology, with biology minor, from the State University of New York at Cortland.

Mrs. Creeley is an extremely dedicated student, whose goal of her dissertation was to find new treatment options for Alzheimer's disease. Catherine will continue her research on the neurobiology of the brain, as well as teach as an adjunct professor at the University of Missouri, St. Louis.

Mrs. Creeley is the granddaughter of Eugene Diamond and the daughter of Suzanne Diamond, both residents of Jamestown, New York. Catherine lives with her husband Scott, and son, Nicholas in St. Louis, Missouri.

Catherine Creeley also was awarded a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Washington University School of Medicine.

IN HONOR OF ACCLAIMED FILMMAKER BRENDA BRKUSIC

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of filmmaker Brenda Brkusic. Brenda is a courageous and hard working young woman who has been identified as a visionary in the Croatian community. At the age of twenty-one, Brenda started working on the film *Freedom From Despair* as her student thesis at Chapman University in Los Angeles, California.

Freedom From Despair explores one man's arduous journey from his homeland of Yugoslavia to the United States, and his fight for human rights and Croatian independence. It also scrutinizes the relationship between ruthless dictators, the slaughter of 250,000 people, and the silence of the mainstream media. It creatively portrays the power of the human spirit and the tenets of democracy, without preaching or the use of propaganda.

Her film has been met with critical acclaim, and has garnered countless awards, including the CINE Golden Eagle award, which has previously been awarded to Steven Spielberg and George Lucas. Her peers have recognized her as an emerging talent in the film industry, and a remarkable human being.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Ms. Brenda Brkusic, the writer, producer and editor of *Freedom From Despair* for her hard work encouraging human rights and personal triumph over evil.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, June 23, 2005, owing to an important family matter, I regrettably missed recorded vote numbered 305, on the Obey amendment to H.R. 3010. This amendment would restore critical Federal support for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

As a constant and long time supporter of public broadcasting, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on this measure.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote 282. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my statement appear in the permanent RECORD immediately following this vote.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today, Representative SHAYS and I introduce legislation to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations and to commend the organization on its history of diplomatic achievement throughout the world.

Since its founding, the United Nations has made many contributions to the global community in the fields of health, medicine, education, peacekeeping and humanitarian aid.